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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4,
to authorize the issuance of special plates for Emergency
Medical Technicians and Paramedics.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(3), is amended by
adding a new subdivision thereto, as follows:

() Emergency Medical Services;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203, is amended by adding a
new subdivisionitem thereto, as follows:

() Emergency Medical Services - regular fee applicable to the vehicle.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, is amended by adding
the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) Owners or lessees of motor vehicles who are residents of Tennessee and
who are licensed EMTs, EMT-IVs or Paramedics, upon complying with state motor
vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and paying the
regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided for in Section 55-4-203,
shall be issued a special license plate, either for an automobile, or a truck of one-half
(1/2) or three-quarter (3/4) ton rating.

(b) The application for such license plates shall be accompanied by proof
satisfactory to the commissioner certifying the applicant to be a licensed EMT, EMT-IV
or Paramedic.

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(c) The special plates provided for in this section shall be issued in conformity with the provisions of Section 55-4-202, shall be of the colors and contain the logo of Emergency Medical Services, and shall be designed in consultation with the Director of the Division of Emergency Medical Services, the director of the motor vehicle division and the commissioner of safety. The special plates shall include a unique identifying number, which if practicable may be the same as the applicant's EMT or EMT-P license number. Such special plates shall not exceed seven (7) characters and no two (2) recipients shall receive identical plates.

(d)

(1) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to mean that any eligible person shall be prevented from exchanging a regular type plate for one of special design; provided, that the fees prescribed under Section 55-4-203 are paid.

(2) The whole or part of the fee for a special registration plate shall not be refunded for the exchange of a regular plate.

(e)

(1) Special plates issued pursuant to this section may be transferred to another vehicle of the same weight class owned or leased by the same person upon proper application being made therefor and approved by the department of safety.

(2) It is unlawful for any person to whom such plates have been issued to knowingly permit them to be displayed on any vehicle, except such as authorized by the department.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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